

# Introduction

The Weighmaster Enforcement Program assures that:

- Commercial transactions based on quantities certified on a weighmaster certificate are accurate.
- Weighmasters; individuals or firms who weigh, measure, or count bulk products and issue certificates of accuracy of the weight, measure, or count are licensed.
- Weighmaster certificates are used as the basis to buy or sell the product identified on the certificate or to charge for a service based on the quantity on the certificate (i.e., moving household goods).

Program activities include:

- Reweighing of vehicles and containers to verify the net weight statements on weighmaster certificates.
- Conducting routine and spot inspections of establishments involved in bulk sales through the use of undercover sales or purchases of products.
- Investigating complaints alleging fraudulent use or misuse of weighmaster certificates.

This program is funded by license fees collected from the regulated industries. There are approximately 90 different types of industries that are licensed by the program. The use of these certificates to buy and sell products represents over 78 billion dollars per year in California's economy.

## **Where Can the Laws and Regulations be Found?**

The laws relating to weighmasters were first enacted in 1916 and are found in the [California Business and Professions Code, Division 5, Chapter 7](#). Regulations that further define and implement the laws are found in the [California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 9, Chapter 9](#). Most violations of the weighmaster laws are classified as misdemeanors and carry fines of up to \$1,000 per violation and/or six months in the county jail.